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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff.

v.

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NICHOLS BROTHERS BOAT BUILDERS, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

No. C06-782JLR

DECLARATION OF KELLY P. CORR

- I, Kelly P. Corr, declare as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in this state and in this Court.
- 2. I was out-of-state with my wife and two children on vacation from Saturday, February 16, 2008 through Monday, February 25, 2008. During that time I spoke on the phone at least twice with Matt Nichols, and at least twice with J. Robert Leach.
- 3. I attended a settlement conference with J. Robert Leach, plaintiff's counsel and others on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. This was the first time I met Mr. Leach and it was my first substantive meeting regarding this case.

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- 4. Later that same day I talked to both Matt and Bryan Nichols to discuss the terms of our firm's engagement. Those details have not been finalized yet, but I am optimistic we will reach a satisfactory arrangement very shortly.
- 5. I told Messrs. Nichols that I would represent them and Langley Properties if we could reach a mutually satisfactory financial agreement <u>and</u> if we could obtain a continuance of the trial date.
- 6. I need the continuance to familiarize myself with the file and to re-arrange some of my schedule to devote the time necessary to get ready for trial.
- 7. I currently have a number of other cases occupying my time, including three class actions, a brain damaged child case, two sexual molestation cases and a variety of other matters. One of the class actions has been certified already; the discovery cutoff is May 5, 2008, and the trial date is June 2, 2008. We recently made a motion to continue these two dates; plaintiff's counsel has stated they will oppose our motion.
- 8. I will be on a previously scheduled vacation with my family from April 5 13, 2008. This is my children's "spring break" from school.
- 9. Taking over this case involves a number of unusual challenges. Aside from the very short time to the current trial date of April 29, 2008, my soon-to-be predecessor counsel, J. Robert Leach, will not be available to help me after Friday, February 29, 2008 because he has been appointed to the bench. It is also my understanding that neither he nor his firm has the complete file of this case and that about 14,000 documents have been exchanged in this case. On February 27, 2008, I called Garvey Schubert and asked for access to this file. The same day, I followed up that oral request with the attached e-mail request but I have not heard back from Garvey Schubert yet. In addition, it appears my clients would be

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the only defendants left in the case and I cannot rely on co-counsel for any other defendant to take the lead or divide the work.

10. A continuance of approximately three (3) additional months, until late July or early August 2008, is requested.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief.

DATED this **28** day of February, 2008, at Seattle, Washington.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned declares as follows:

I am employed at Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece LLP.

I hereby certify that on February <u>28</u>, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following person:

Timothy Leyh Danielson Harrigan Leyh & Tollefson 999 3rd Ave., Suite 4400 Seattle, WA 98104

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 28 day of February, 2008, at Seattle, Washington.

Joyce Abraham

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Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:14 AM

To: 'gstrauss@gsblaw.com'

Cc: 'J Leach'

Subject: Hornbeck case

Gary, moments ago I left you a short vm msg. It appears that we will be taking over the defense of this case from J. Leach. J advises that he does not have a complete set of the depositions and deposition exhibits in this case but that your firm does. Could we get copies of those as soon as possible please? Thank you, Kelly.

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